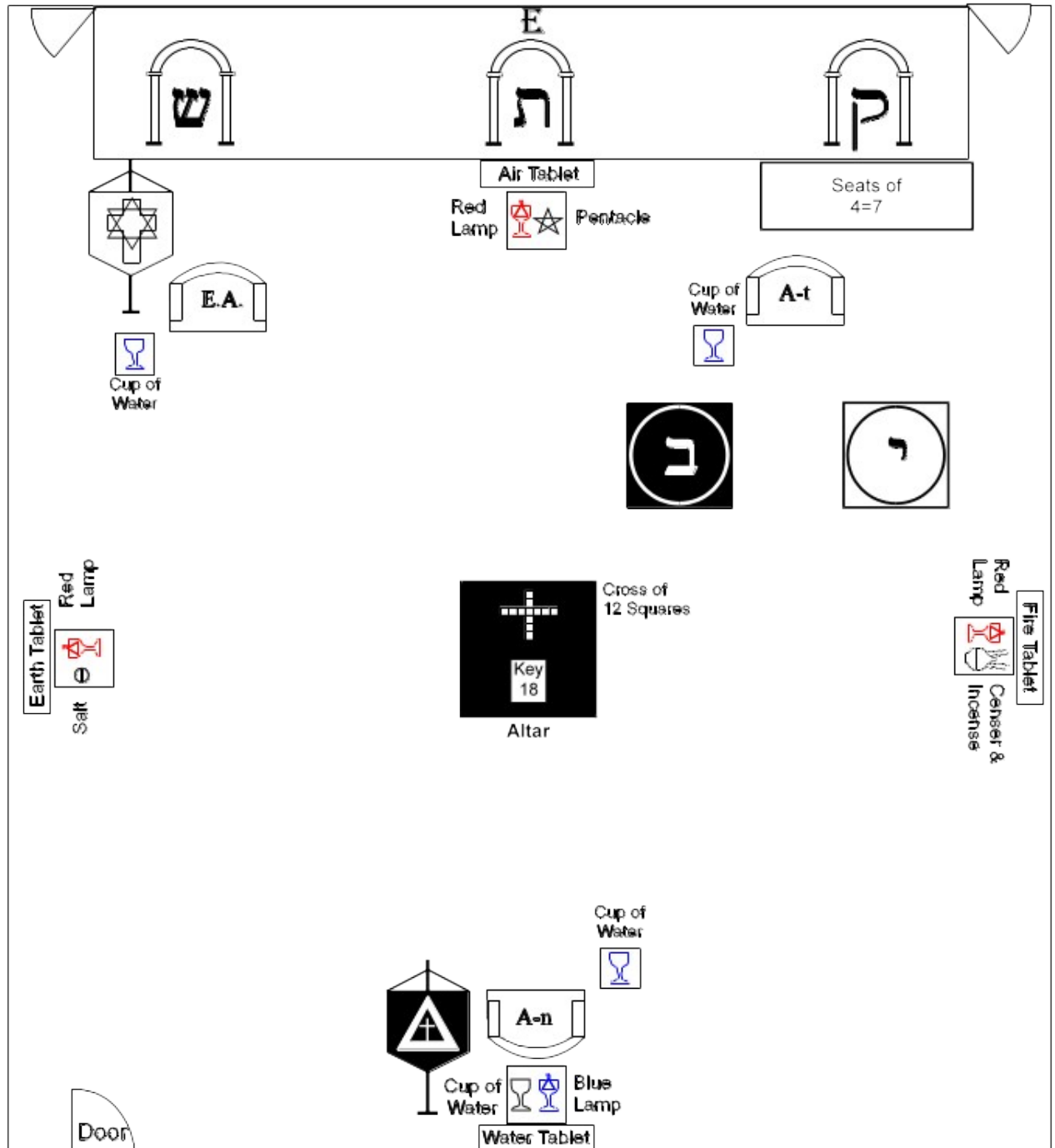


RITUAL OF 4=7 GRADE OF PHILOSOPHUS

HEBREW NAME: tma liv

ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING AND FIRST POINT



CHECKLIST FOR THE 4=7 RITUAL
(in addition to Convocation equipment):

Large Portals: Shin, Tav, Qoph, Resh, Samekh, Tzaddi, Mem, Ayin, Peh, Kaph, Nun.

Small Portals for Wings: Qoph, Tzaddi, Peh

Tablets: Earth, Air, Fire and Water; with stands, veils, pedestals and covers.

Keys for Altar: Key 16, 17, 18

Admission Badges:

- Cross of 12 Squares
- Green Cube of Balanced Forces
- Cross of 10 Squares
- Red Calvary Cross

Diagrams:

- Diagram of the Fall
- Kamea of Venus
- Magic Line of Venus
- Venus on the Tree of Life
- Trinity on the Tree of Life

Lamps: (Total needed) 7 red, 2 blue

Pedestals: (Total needed) 7: 2 red, 2 black, 1 white, 1 blue, 1 yellow.

Stands: 10

Also:

- 4 Cups
- Elemental and Green Altar cloths
- Pentacle
- Wings
- Hoodwink
- Special Incense for Venus
- 4=7 Baldrick
- 4=7 Packet

(From Convocation: Cross and Triangle, Paten, Banners, Pillars, Altar, Censer.
For 3 Chief Officers: Stations, Insignias, Mantles, Pedestals.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR OPENING AND FIRST POINT

OFFICERS & INSIGNIA:

All sit at floor level. At right hand of each officer, pedestal with Cup of Water.

Eminent Adept in the Northeast, facing West, with Scepter of Dominion and red mantle.

Archon in the West, facing East, with sword and black mantle.

Architect in the Southeast, facing West, with Scepter of Equilibration and white mantle.

MEMBERS:

All 4=7 and above, clothed with white robes, aprons and baldrics.

The two most senior 4=7 to the South of the Air station, facing West (behind E.A.) and the next two most senior 4=7 similarly to the North of the Air station. Remaining 4=7 sit around the perimeter of the Temple.

TEMPLE:

EAST - Above and behind the station of Air: the Portals of Shin, Tav and Qoph, as in 1=10. Below them, the veiled Tablet of Air, with a yellow-draped pedestal. This pedestal holds a red lamp on its northern side and a Pentacle on its southern side.

SOUTH - Veiled Tablet of Fire, with a red-draped pedestal holding a red lamp on its eastern side and a censer and incense on its western side.

WEST - Veiled Tablet of Water, with a blue-draped pedestal holding a blue lamp on its southern side and a Cup of water on its northern side.

NORTH - Veiled Tablet of Earth, with a black-draped pedestal holding a red lamp on its eastern side and a paten on its western side.

PILLARS: Placed in the Southeast, facing East, black to North, white to South, with wings between them.

ALTAR: Placed at the center of the Temple with the Elemental Altar Cloth. Key 18 at center of top and Cross of Twelve Squares at East of Key.

BANNERS: Banner of East: Northeast of E.A.; Banner of West: North of Archon.

FOR ADVANCEMENT: Admission badge: Cross of Twelve Squares
Hoodwink

SUMMARY OF EQUIPMENT:

Portals: Shin, Tav and Qoph

Pedestals: 7 (2 red, 2 black, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 white)

Tablets: Earth, Air, Water and Fire

Lamps: 4 red (1 on White Pillar) and 2 blue (1 on Black Pillar)

Cups: 4

Stands: 3, for Portals

Other: Key 18, Pentacle, Censer & Incense, Elemental Altar Cloth, Paten.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS

Before the Opening:

After the Temple has been arranged, all leave but E.A., who closes the door and inspects the Temple.

When the Temple is already opened in the Neophyte Grade, the E.A. omits the Short Form for the Neophyte Opening and calls the Initiates to Order with two

raps. During the ceremony of the Opening in the Grade of Philosophus, members not holding office never leave their places. Only the officers move from their stations. When there is no advancement, meetings of this Grade are held in a Temple arranged as for the Fourth Point, because all members have attained to the full Grade.)

0=0 OPENING (Short Form)

All: *(When this Grade is worked apart from the Neophyte Grade, the E.A. opens the door, strikes the door post with one rap of his/her scepter and says:)*

E.A: * **Fellow Initiates, take your stations and places.** *(E.A. goes to Throne, remains standing facing West.)*

All. *(Archon enters first, followed by Architect and Philosophi. All go to their stations and places, and remain standing).*

E.A: **Be seated.** *(All sit.)* **Honored (Frater/Soror) _____, please perform the Lesser Banishing Pentagram Ritual of Earth.**
(Done)

E.A: *** *(Rises, turns with the sun to face East.)*

All. *(Rise and face East)*

E.A: *(Raising scepter aloft)* **Hidden Forces of that Limitless Light which establisheth the boundaries of the Universe, we invoke ye by the all-powerful Name of your creator *(pause)*, to seal in just orientation the inner limits of this Temple. May the secret virtue of the radiant East be conferred this day upon the throne of the Adept of this Temple, who is the emblem of that Dawning Light which shall illuminate the paths of the unknown, and shall guide us to the attainment of the Quintessence, the Stone of the Wise, perfect Wisdom and true Happiness.**

All. **So may it be!** *(All face as usual.)*

E.A: **Dispensing with all further ceremony, I now declare ____ Lodge, No. __, open in the Grade of Neophyte!**
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A-n: *

A-t: * . *(All remain standing.)*

4=7 OPENING

E.A.: * * * **Fratres et Sorores of the Abonaim, assist me to form this Temple in the Grade of Philosophus. (Frater/Soror) Architect, see that the Temple is properly guarded.**

A-t: (*Salutes with Grade sign, checks doors, returns to station, then:*)
* **Very Honored Eminent Adept, the Temple is properly guarded.**

THE SIGNS

E.A.: **Honored Archon, assure yourself that none below the Grade of Philosophus be present.**

A-n: **Fratres et Sorores, give the sign of Philosophus.**

All: *(All but E.A.: and Archon give sign, holding it through Archon's next speech, then:)*

A-n: **Very Honored Eminent Adept (Archon gives sign, followed by E.A.) all present have partaken of the Divine Victory.**

All: *(E.A. sits, all sit.)*

PURPOSE OF THE WORK

E.A.: **(Frater/Soror) Architect, name the element to which this Grade is attributed so that it may be awakened in the spheres of those who are present and in the sphere of this Temple.**

A-t: **The element of Fire.**

E.A.: **Honored (Frater/Soror)___, perform the Lesser Invoking Pentagram Ritual of Fire. (Done.)**

E.A.: **Honored Archon, of what influence is this Grade the sphere?**

A-n: **The influence of Venus.**

(Optional: Guided meditation by E.A.)

E.A.: **(Frater/Soror) Architect, through what Path did you first approach this Grade?**

A-t: **Through the Twenty-ninth Path of the letter Qoph, ascending from Malkuth.**

E.A.: **To what does the Twenty-ninth Path allude?**

A-t: **To the manifestation of the Water of Formation in the embodiment of man; to the Secret Path of Return; to the reflection of the Sphere of Pisces; and to the Cross of the Zodiac.**

E.A.: **Honored Archon, through what Path did you continue your approach to this Grade?**

A-n: **Through the Twenty-eighth Path of the letter Tzaddi, ascending from Yesod.**

E.A.: **To what does the Twenty-eighth Path allude?**

A-n: **To the manifestation of the Life-breath in the renewal of man's mind; to the revelation of truth; to the balanced disposition of the interior stars; to the reflection of the Sphere of Aquarius; and to the Cube of Balanced Forces.**

E.A.: **(Fratr/Soror) Architect, through what Path did you complete your entrance to this Grade?**

A-t: **Through the Twenty-seventh Path of the letter Peh, proceeding from Hod.**

E.A.: **To what does the Twenty-seventh Path allude?**

A-t: **To the influence of Mars in the release of man's mind from the bonds of delusion; to the secret of creative intelligence; to the hidden forces of the North; and to the Cross of the Sephiroth.**

E.A.: **Honored Archon, to what Path is the Grade of Philosophus attributed?**

A-n: **To the Seventh Path of Netzach, the Divine Victory.**

E.A.: **(Fratr/Soror) Architect, with what power do we build in this Grade?**

A-t: **With the power of the Occult Intelligence, expressed through the desire of man and energized by the influence of Venus.**

E.A.: * * *

All: *(Rise. Prolocutor or Cantor sounds the tone F-sharp. The following intonations are all on this pitch.)*

E.A.: **I AM VICTORIOUS**

A-n: **BEFORE EVER THE BATTLE IS JOINED,**

A-t: **AND THE CONTINUANCE OF MY LIFE**

All: **IS AN EFFULGENT SPLENDOR THROUGHOUT ETERNITY.**

ADORATION

E.A.: **Let us adore the Lord and King of Fire.**

All: *(Face South)*

E.A.: *(Makes with scepter a clockwise circle toward the South).*

**YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOth, Ruler of the Hosts of Heaven,
be Thy Name Victorious in the Hearts of all. Praised be the
Daughter of the Voice, speaking from the midst of the Hidden
Fire.**

All: **Amen.** *(All give sign of the Grade.)*

A-n: *(Moving with the Sun, unveils Earth Tablet and returns to station.)*

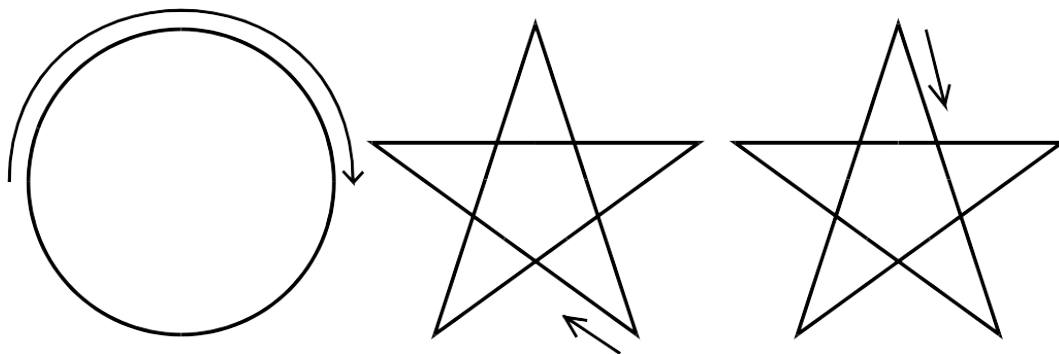
A-t: *(Moving with the Sun, unveils Water tablet and returns to station.)*

E.A.: *(Unveils Air Tablet, then goes to the South, passing the Altar on its eastern side.)*

All: *(Remain at stations and places, facing South.)*

INVOCATION

E.A.: *(Unveils Fire Tablet. With scepter, makes the following figures before the Tablet of Fire:)*



And the Elohim said: Let us make Adam in our image, after our likeness, and let them have Dominion.

In the Name, ELOHIM, living and victorious, and in the Name, YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH, Spirits of Fire, adore your Creator! (*Takes censer from pedestal; makes the sign of Leo ☐ in the air before the Tablet:*)

In the Name, MICHAEL, great Archangel of Fire, and in the sign of the secret power in all spiritual activities, Spirits of Fire, adore your Creator!

In the names and letters of the Great Southern Quadrangle, (makes + with censer before Tablet) Spirits of Fire, adore your Creator!

(*Holding censer on high*) **In the three great Secret Names of God, borne on the banner of the South: HEHELA VALASHISHI REASHILA Spirits of Fire, adore your Creator!**

(*Makes large circle clockwise, with censer, beginning at the upper point, from the point where he/she has been holding the censer.*)

In the Name, LALAHERE - REASHISHI, Great King of the South, Spirits of Fire, Adore your Creator! (*Replaces censer. Returns to station.*)

All: (*Face as usual and remain standing.*)

DECLARATION

E.A.: **In the Name, YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH, I declare this Temple to be formed as a vehicle of the Creative Fire, by the power of the Occult Intelligence, operative through the influence of Venus, for the perfection of our minds and bodies in the confection of the Sacred Stone.**

E.A.: *** * ***

A-n: *** * ***

A-t: *** * ***

All: (*E.A. sits. All sit.*)

END OF 4=7 OPENING

FIRST POINT

E.A.: **Fratres et Sorores, our (Frater/Soror) (motto), having made such progress in the Path of Occult Science as has enabled (him/her) to pass an examination in the requisite knowledge, is now eligible for attunement to the Grade of Philosophus, and I have received a dispensation to advance (him/her) in due form.**

(Frater/Soror) Architect, superintend the preparation of the Practicus and give the customary alarm.

ADMISSION

A-t: *(Rises. Salutes with Grade sign. Takes Cross of Zodiac from the Altar and leaves Temple, closing portal behind him/her. The Practicus, robed and wearing apron and the sash of 3=8 Grade, is in meditation. Architect places the Cross in Practicus right hand, saying:*
"This is the Cross of the Zodiac. It is your admission badge into the Path of Pisces, the Corporeal Intelligence."

*(Places hoodwink on Practicus and leads him/her to portal. Architect knocks with the battery of the Grade:) *** * ****

A-n: *(Opens door, admits them and returns to seat after closing door behind them.)*

A-t: **And the Ruach Elohim moved upon the face of the Abyss of Waters.**

(Conducts Practicus to the West and turns him/her to face Archon. Takes Cross from Practicus.)

A-n: *(Rises.)* **Give me the sign of the Grade of Practicus.** *(Done)*

Give me the Grip. *(Done)*

Give me the Grand Word. *(Elohim Tzabaoth)*

The Mystic Number? *(36)*

The password? *(Aleph, Lamed, Heh, Eloah.)*

Give me also the Mystic Title and Symbol you received
(Monoceros de Astris. Mem.)

OBLIGATION

A-t: *(Takes Practicus to the South, facing East.)*

E.A.: **Monoceros de Astris, do you solemnly pledge yourself to maintain the same strict secrecy concerning the mysteries of this Grade of Philosophus which you have already promised to maintain respecting those of the preceding Grades?**

Prac. **I do.**

E.A.: **Then you will stretch forth your hand in the position of the Saluting Sign of Neophyte and say: "I swear by the Torrent of Fire."**

Prac. **I swear by the Torrent of Fire.**

E.A.: **Let the hoodwink be removed.**

A-t: *(Removes hoodwink, turns Practicus so that he/she faces the Tablet of Fire and gives him the censer, first making sure it is smoking.)*

E.A.: **Cense thrice toward the Tablet of Fire in the South and say: "Let the powers of Fire witness by my pledge."**

Prac: (does so)

A-t: *(Replaces censer on pedestal.)*

TWENTY-NINTH PATH

E.A.: **Conduct the Practicus to the Southeast and place (him/her) between the pillars.**

A-t: *(Does so. During the following speech, points out the portals named by the E.A.)*

E.A.: **You now stand symbolically in the Grade of Zelator, facing the portals of the Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Twenty-ninth paths. The two former you have already passed, and the portal of the Twenty-ninth Path, leading to the Grade of Philosophus, is now open to you. Take in your right hand the Cross of the Zodiac and follow your guide through the Path of the Waters.**

A-t: *(Gives Cross to Practicus. They pass through the pillars then circumambulate the Temple, 1 1/2 times, beginning at the Southeast and going with the course of the Sun. As they approach the Northeast for the second time, the E.A. rises and they halt facing him/her.)*

E.A.: *(Rises as they approach, holding Cup)*
I am Water, stagnant, silent and still, reflecting all, concealing all. I am the Future, veiled by the reflections of what hath been. "He who shall rise from the Abyss of Waters" is my Name. Hail unto ye, Dwellers in the Land of Night! Behold, the rending of Darkness is at hand. (Sits.)

A-t: *(Leads Practicus around to Archon, and halt before him/her.)*

A-n: *(Rises as they approach, holding Cup.)*

I am Water, turbid and troubled. I am the Torrent of that-which-hath-been, and there is none so strong that he may resist the onward sweep of that hidden current. To the ignorant I am the Banisher of Peace and "Storm veiled in Terror" is my Name; but the wise know me as the "Giver of Limitless Substance," measuring forth to every creature the satisfaction of every need. I am the Past, shrouded in the veil of human forgetfulness. Hail unto the mighty powers of Nature, and the Lord of the Whirling Storm! (Sits)

A-t: *(Leads Practicus around to his/her own station, picks up Cup and says:)*

I am Water, pure and limpid after its purification by the storm, ever flowing on toward the sea. I am the ever-passing Present, standing in the place of the Past and moving onward to unveil the Future. "The Traveller through the Gates of the Hidden Places" is my name. Hail unto ye, Dwellers in Eternity, shadowed under the wings of Dawn! (Replaces Cup. Leads Practicus to West of Altar, facing him/her to the East. Returns to station and sits.)

E.A.: *(Rises)* **I arise in the place of the Gathering of the Waters, through the rolled-back Cloud of Night. Silent and vast lay the measureless expanse of the Primal Substance. Depth under depth was the Dark Terror of the Abyss of Chaos. For before all things, were the Waters of the Great Sea wherein lie all the seeds of form.**

Then from the Place of Dawn rose the Face of the Eternal, before Whose glorious Countenance the Terror of Darkness hastened away. In the Waters beneath was that Face reflected, in the formless Abyss of the Void.

From those Eyes darted rays of terrible splendor, which crossed with the currents reflected. That Brow and those Eyes formed the triangle of the Measureless Waters. Thus was formulated the Eternal Hexad, the number of the Dawning Creation. (Sits.)

A-t: *(Comes forward and, moving clockwise around altar, leads Practicus eastward through the Pillars, around the Temple, to the station of the E.A. A-t hands the Cross of the Zodiac to the E.A.)*

EMINENT ADEPT'S LECTURE

Admission Badge

E.A.: The Cross of Twelve Squares fitly represents the zodiac, which embraces the Waters which be above the Firmament. It alludes also to the Eternal River of Eden, divided into four heads, which find their correlations in the four triplicities of the Zodiac. (*Places Cross aside.*)

Intelligence

E.A.: The Twenty-ninth Path of the Sepher Yetzirah, answering unto the letter Qoph, is called the Corporeal Intelligence. It is so called because it marks out the forms of all bodies which are incorporated under every revolution of the Zodiac, and is what constitutes the arrangement and the disposition thereof.

This is also the reflection of the watery sign Pisces, and it is the Path connecting the material universe, manifest in Malkuth, with the Pillar of Mercy and the side of Chesed, through the Sephirah Netzach. Through it the waters of Chesed flow down to take form in the field of sensation as the material bodies of that sphere.

(*Leads Architect and Practicus to the West of the Altar, facing it.*)

Tarot Key

E.A.: Before you on the Altar is the Eighteenth Key of Tarot, which symbolically resumes these ideas. It represents the Moon, with eighteen Hebrew Yods falling, like drops of dew. A dog and a wolf, two towers, a path leading to a height in the distance, and in the foreground, water with a crayfish crawling through it to the land, complete the symbolism.

The Moon is in its increase on the side of Mercy. From it proceed sixteen principal and sixteen secondary rays, making 32, the number of the Paths of Wisdom.

The battlemented towers are symbols of the contending, warring forces which are presented to the mind of man by the appearances of the sphere of sensation.

Beyond them leads a path, rising to the heights of spiritual attainment and realization, the Mystic Mountain of our ancient Brethren of the Rosy Cross.

It is guarded by a wolf and a dog. Both are members of the same genus. Both are symbols of the desire-nature, which is the especial task of the Philosophus to use and direct in his/her progress toward the goal of the Highest Good.

The crayfish, rising from the pool, is a reference to the truth that the operation of the Corporeal Intelligence has its first manifestations in forms whose natural habitat is water. By some, this crayfish is associated with the ancient god of Egypt, Khephra, symbol of the Sun below the horizon, as he ever is when the Moon is increasing above.

Careful inspection of this Key will show the Philosophus that its symbolism is based on the ancient Qabalistic aphorism: "First the stone, then the plant, then the animal and then the man." For all these are shown in the part of the design at the near side of the towers. Beyond them, the path leads to "more than man," the true Stone of the Wise. (*Returns to station.*)

A-t: (*Remains with Practicus, West of Altar.*)

Title of the Path

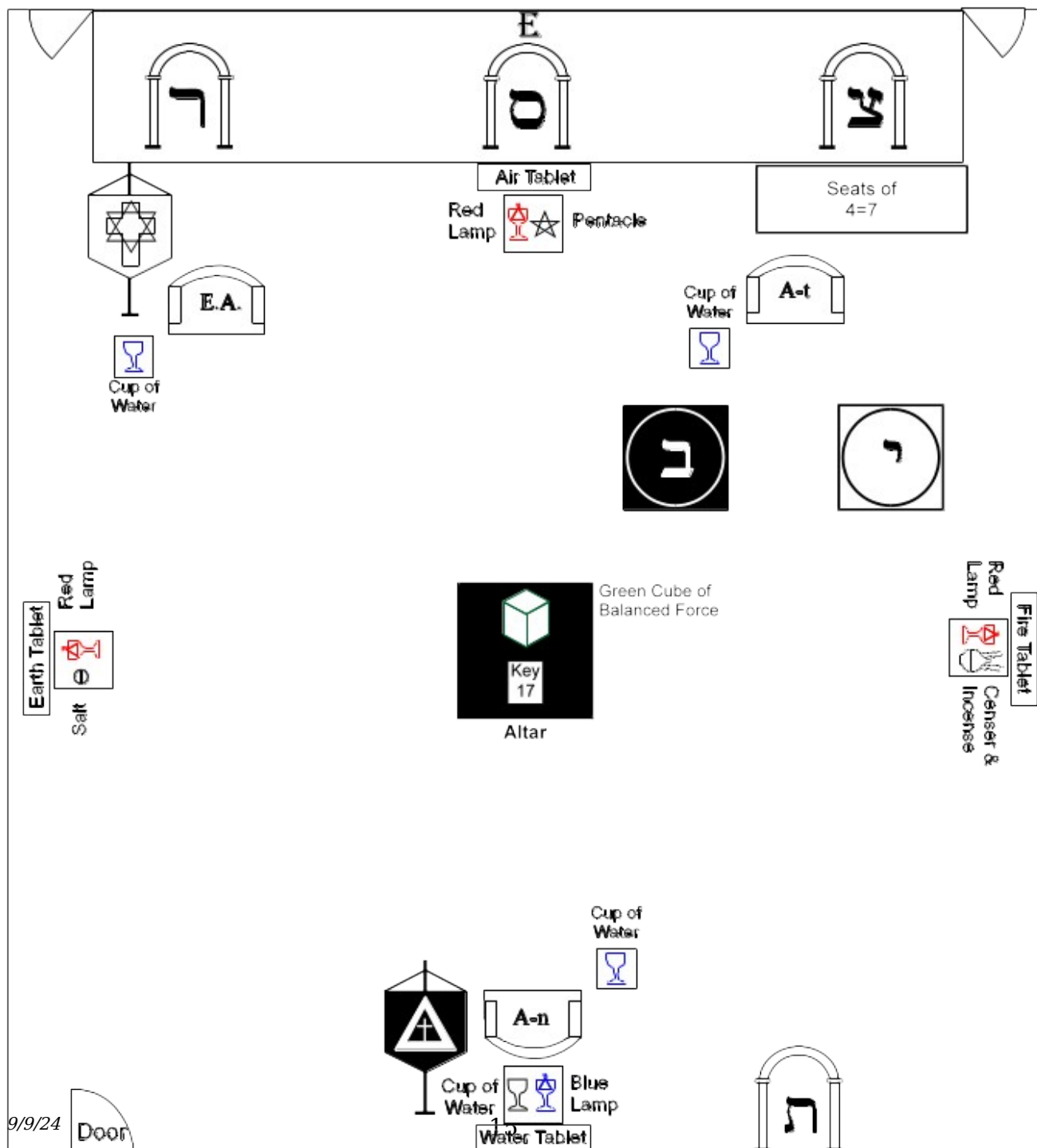
E.A.: I have now much pleasure in conferring upon you the title of

(Lord/Lady) of the Twenty-ninth Path. You will now quit the Temple for a short time, and on your return, the ceremony of your passage through the Twenty-eighth Path will take place.

A-t: (*Conducts Practicus out.*)

END OF FIRST POINT
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ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SECOND POINT



Changes required for Second Point

Portals: Change Eastern portals to Resh (Northeast), Samekh (East), and Tzaddi (Southeast). Place Tav in West. Replace Qoph on wings with Tzaddi.

Altar: Key 17 and Green Cube of Balanced Forces

These are the only changes.

SECOND POINT

E.A.: **(Frater/Soror) Architect, you have my command to present the Practicus with the necessary Admission Badge, and admit (him/her).**

A-t: *(Takes cube from Altar, leaves Temple and gives cube to Practicus, saying:)*

This is the Cube of Balanced Forces. It is your Admission Badge into the Path of Aquarius, the Natural Intelligence.

(Leads Practicus to Portal, admits him/her and says:)

And ever forth from their Celestial Source, the Rivers of Eden flow. *(Leads Practicus to Southeast before the Pillars. Points out Tzaddi on wings as the E.A. mentions it in the following speech.)*

TWENTY-EIGHTH PATH

E.A.: **(Frater/Soror) Monoceros/Monocera de Astris, the Path open to you is the Twenty-eighth, leading from the Grade of Theoricus to that of Philosophus. Take in your right hand the Cube of Balanced Forces and follow your guide through the Path of the Water-Bearer.**

A-t: *(Leads Practicus through pillars and circumambulates the Temple 1 1/2 times, with the sun. Halts and faces the E.A. the second time they come to his/her station.)*

E.A.: *(Rises as they approach, holding Cup)*

I am the rain of heaven, descending upon the earth, bearing with it the fructifying and germinating power. I am the plenteous yielder of harvest. I am the cherisher of Life. *(Sits.)*

A-t: *(Leads Practicus to station of Archon, halts and faces him/her.)*

A-n: *(Rises with Cup in hand)*

I am the dew descending, invisible and silent, gemming the earth with countless diamonds of moisture, bearing down the influence from above in the solemn darkness of night. (*Sits.*)

A-t: (*Leads Practicus to own station, picks up Cup and says:*)

I am the ruler of mist and cloud, wrapping the earth, as it were, in a garment, floating and hovering between earth and heaven. I am the giver of the mist-veil of autumn, the successor of the dew-clad night.

A-t: (*Replaces Cup and leads Practicus to the West of the Altar, facing the E.A. Returns to station and sits.*)

E.A.: **The Monad first existed, and the Paternal Monad still subsists. When the Monad is extended, the Dyad is generated, and sitteth beside the Monad. This Dyad glittereth with intellectual sections, through which it governs all things, and sets in order everything not ordered. This Order is the beginning of all sections.**

A-n: **In each world shineth the Triad, over which the Monad ruleth. For the Mind of the Father said, "Into three," governing all things by mind. His Will assented, and immediately all things were so divided. All things are supplied from the bosom of this Triad. All things are governed and subsist in this Triad. And in the Triad appeared virtue and wisdom and multiscient truth.**

A-t: **From the Monad and Dyad floweth forth the form of the Triad, being pre-existent; not the first Essence, but that whereby all things are measured. For thou must know that all things bow before the Three Supernals. They are the guardians of the works of the Father and of the One Mind, the Intelligible.**
(*Conducts Practicus through the pillars, around the Temple, to stand before the E.A. Hands E.A. the Cube of Balanced Forces.*)

EMINENT ADEPT'S LECTURE

Admission Badge

E.A.: **The Admission Badge of this Path is the Cube of Balanced Forces. It is a symbol of the Divine Name, Yod Heh Vav Heh, because it has six faces, eight corners and twelve boundaries, so that the sum of the numbers required to define its proportions is 26, the number of the Name, Yod Heh Vav Heh.**

Because every face of a cube is equal to any of the other faces,

so that any one of the six sides may serve as its base, the cube has been, from time immemorial, a symbol for truth.

This is the truth which unveils itself to man during meditation, and thus the cube is directly related to the meanings of the Twenty-eighth Path.
(Puts Cube aside.)

Intelligence

E.A.: **The Twenty-eighth path of the Sepher Yetzirah, answering unto the letter Tzaddi, is called the Natural Intelligence. By it, is perfected the nature of all things under the orb of the sun. It is the reflection of the airy sign Aquarius, the Water-bearer. To this sign is attributed the Countenance of Man, the Adam who restores the world.**

(Leads Architect and Practicus to the West of the Altar, facing it.)

Tarot Key

E.A.: **Before you on the Altar is the Seventeenth Key of Tarot, which symbolically resumes these ideas.**

The large star in the heavens has eight principal and eight secondary rays. This represents the Ogdoad multiplied by the Dyad and yields the number 16. This is the value of the Hebrew verb, Havaw (hvh), signifying primarily, "to breathe." Thus it is one of many symbols of the Cosmic Life-breath, and of the element of Air to which the Twenty-eighth Path is assigned.

Note that the three letters of "Havaw" are Heh, Vav and Heh, constituting the final portion of the Divine Name, Yod Heh Vav Heh, separated from the Paternal Yod. Thus the word represents the whole Tree of Life below Chokmah. The first Heh corresponds to Binah; the Vav represents the six Sephiroth constituting the Lesser Countenance; and the final Heh answers unto Malkuth.

The relation of this word to the great star in Key 17 establishes the latter as a symbol of all the powers of manifested existence, represented on the Tree of Life by the eight Sephiroth from Binah to Malkuth, inclusive.

Surrounding the large star are seven smaller stars. Each has eight points, to show that each is of the same essential nature as the larger one. These seven are the seven "interior stars," corresponding to the seven alchemical metals and to the seven Sephiroth from Binah to Yesod, inclusive.

The nude figure is the unveiled Isis or Venus-Urania. Thus she is the power which dominates the activities of the Seventh Sephirah, corresponding to the Grade of Philosophus. She is also Aima, Binah, Tebunah, - the Great Supernal Mother, Aima

Elohim, pouring upon earth the waters of creation.

The two urns contain the influences from Chokmah and Binah. That in her right hand stirs into activity the powers of the Ninth Sephirah, Yesod, represented by the pool. That in her left hand divides itself into five streams, typifying the Quintessence and the four elements, and the subtle principles of sensation.

The bird of Hermes, lighting on the tree on her right, is a symbol of the powers of Hod, the Eighth Sephirah. The kneeling woman, as a symbol of Venus, corresponds to the powers operative in the Seventh Sephirah, and she is therefore placed to the right of the center of the design.

The mountain in the background is a symbol of the Great Work, and of the Mystic Mountain of our ancient Brethren of the Rosy Cross.

(Returns to his/her station and stands facing Practicus.)

Title of the Path

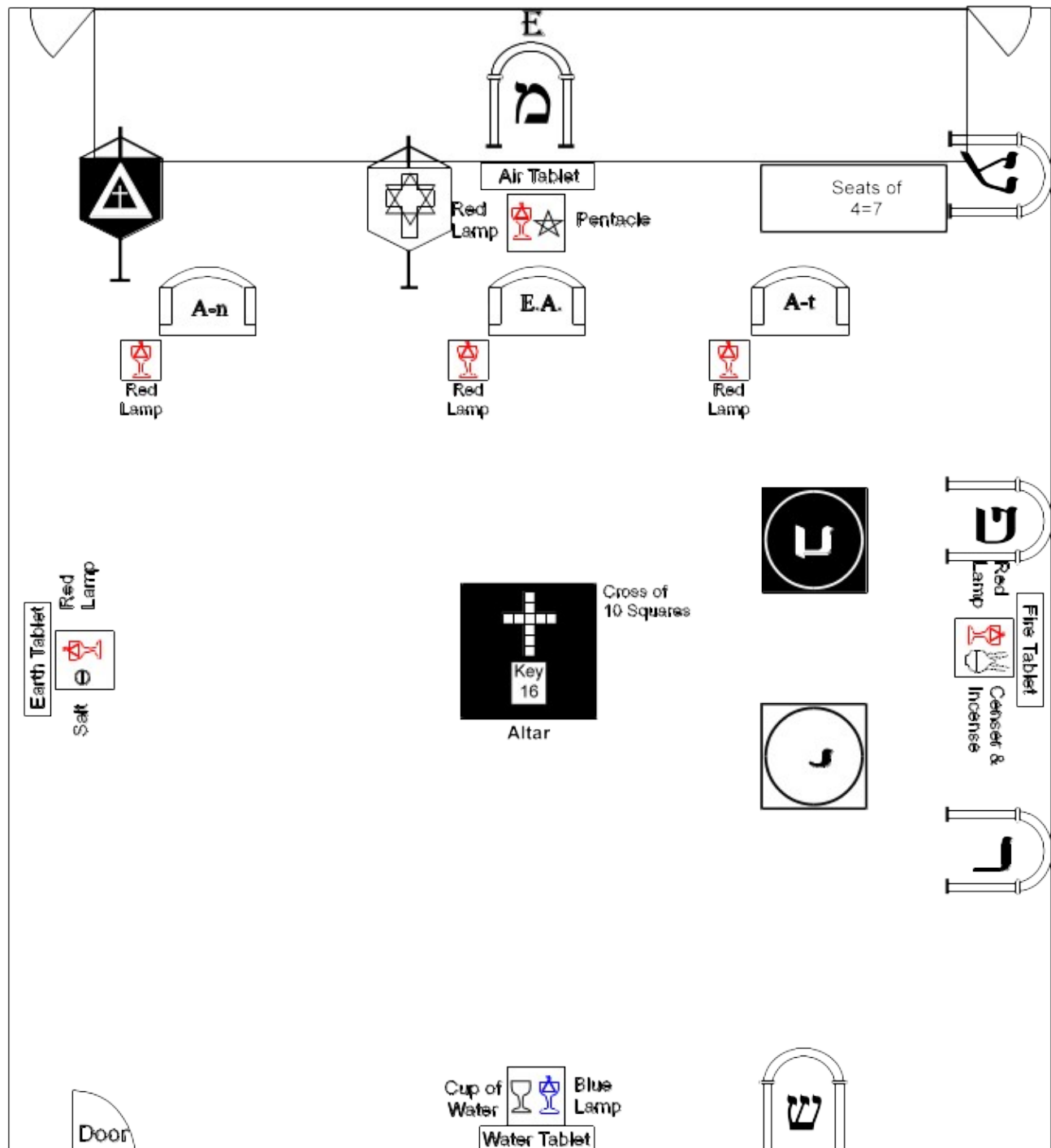
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A-t: *(Leads Practicus out.)*

END OF SECOND POINT

HEBREW NAME: tma liV

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE THIRD POINT



Changes required for Third Point

- Portals: Mem in East; Ayin in Southeast; Peh just East of South; Resh in Southwest; Shin South of West. Peh on Wings.
- Altar: Cross of 10 Squares; Key 16.
- Pillars: Facing South, before Fire Tablet, Boaz to East; with Wings.
- Officers: All officers in East, facing West: Archon in Northeast, E.A. in East, Architect in Southeast. Red lamp replaces cup on each officers' pedestal.
- Banners: Banner of East, Northeast of E.A.; Banner of West, Northeast of Archon.

THIRD POINT

E.A.: **(Frater/Soror) Architect, you have my command to present the Practicus with the necessary Admission Badge and admit (him/her).**

A-t: *(Goes out, gives Cross of 10 Squares to Practicus and says:)*
This is the Cross of Ten Squares. It is your admission badge to the Path of Mars, the Exciting Intelligence.
(Leads Practicus to the Temple and admits him/her, halting just within the door. Says:)
The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.
(Leads Practicus towards the south and places him/her in front of the Pillars on north side of Pillars, facing south.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH PATH

E.A.: *
(Frater/Soror) Monoceros/Monocera de Astris, the Path now open to you is the Twenty-seventh, leading from the Grade of Practicus to the Grade of Philosophus. Take in your right hand the Cross of the Sephiroth, and follow your guide through the Path of Mars.

A-t: **The Lord is a man of war; Lord of Armies is His name.**

(Architect leads Practicus between Pillars, and round to E.A. following the Sun. They halt facing the E.A.)

E.A.: *(rises; red lamp in hand.)*

Ere the Eternal instituted formation, beginning and end existed not. Therefore, before Him, He expanded a certain Veil, and therein He instituted the Primal Kings. These are the Kings who reigned in Edom before there reigned a King over Israel.

But they subsisted not. When the earth was formless and void - behold, this is the reign of Edom. And when Creation was established, lo, this is the reign of Israel. And the wars of titanic forces in the chaos of creation, - these are the wars between them.

From a Light-bearer of insupportable brightness proceeded a radiant flame, hurling forth, like a vast and mighty hammer, those sparks which were the primal worlds. These sparks flamed and scintillated awhile, but being unbalanced, they were extinguished. Since, lo, the Kings assembled, they passed away altogether. They beheld themselves, so were they astonished. They feared. They hasted away. These be the Kings of Edom, who reigned before there reigned a King in Israel. *(Sits.)*

A-t: *(Takes Practicus around the Temple and halts before Archon.)*

A-n: *(Rises with red lamp in hand)*

The Dukes of Edom were amazed. Trembling, they took hold of mighty Moab. The river Kishon swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kishon. O my Soul, thou hast trodden down strength.

Lord, when Thou went out of Seir, when thou marked out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped; the clouds also dropped water.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down, and the darkness was under His feet. At the brightness that was before Him, the thick clouds passed hailstones and flashings of fire. He sent forth His arrows and scattered them; He hurled forth his lightnings and destroyed them.

Then the channels of the waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered. At Thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils, the voice of Thy thunder was in the heavens, and Thy lightnings lightened the world. The earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters, and Thy footsteps are not known. *(Sits.)*

A-t: *(Leads Practicus to his/her own station, lifts red lamp and says:)*
O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid. The Voice of the Lord is upon the waters. The God of Glory thundereth. The Lord is upon many waters. The Voice of the Lord is powerful. The Voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The Voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The Voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The Voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

(Leads Practicus to the North of the Pillars, through them, then around the Temple to the E.A. Takes Cross from Practicus and gives it to E.A.)

EMINENT ADEPT'S LECTURE

Admission Badge

E.A.: **The Cross of Ten Squares refers to the Ten Sephiroth in balance disposition, before which the formless and void rolled back. It is also the opened-out form of the double cube, and of the Altar of incense.** (*Places the Cross aside.*)

Intelligence

E.A.: **The Twenty-seventh Path of the Sepher Yetzirah, answering unto Peh, is called the Exciting or Active Intelligence. It is so called because thence is created the spirit of every creature under the supreme orb, and the assemblage of them all.**

It is also the reflection of the Sphere of Mars, and the reciprocal path connecting Netzach with Hod, Victory with Splendor. This is the lowermost of the three reciprocal paths.
(*Leads Architect and Practicus to the West of the Altar, facing it.*)

Tarot Key

E.A.: **Before you on the Altar is the Sixteenth Key of Tarot, which symbolically resumes these ideas.**

It represents a tower, struck by a lightning flash, issuing from a rayed circle, and terminating in a triangle. This flash is a representation of the Flaming Sword, explained to you in a preceding Grade. Note that the circle and the flash resemble the astronomical symbol for Mars.

The tower refers to the Tower of Babel and is built of twenty-two courses of brick, representing the elements of human speech when that speech is based upon the delusion of separateness, symbolized by the lonely peak on which the tower is erected.

The scene is one of storm, corresponding to the ideas set forth in the speeches of the three Chief Officers, to which you have just listened. Veiled in this symbolic language is the state of ignorance and confusion which precedes the revelation of truth. Herein is the occult meaning of the ancient Qabalistic doctrine concerning the Kings of Edom.

Three holes are rent in the walls of the tower, symbolizing the establishment of the Triad therein.

On the right of the picture are ten Hebrew Yods arranged in the form of the diagram of the Tree of Life. They stand for the powers of the Hebrew letters from Aleph to Yod, inclusive. On the other side of the tower are twelve Hebrew Yods, so arranged that they suggest the outline of the figure 8 or Ogdoad. They represent the Hebrew letters from Kaph to Tav, inclusive.

Note that these twenty-two Yods hang, as it were, in the air. The purport of this is that the essential powers of Being represented by the Hebrew letters are self-supporting, or without any material foundation other than themselves.
(Returns to throne.)

A-t: *(Remains with Practicus, West of Altar.)*

Title of the Path

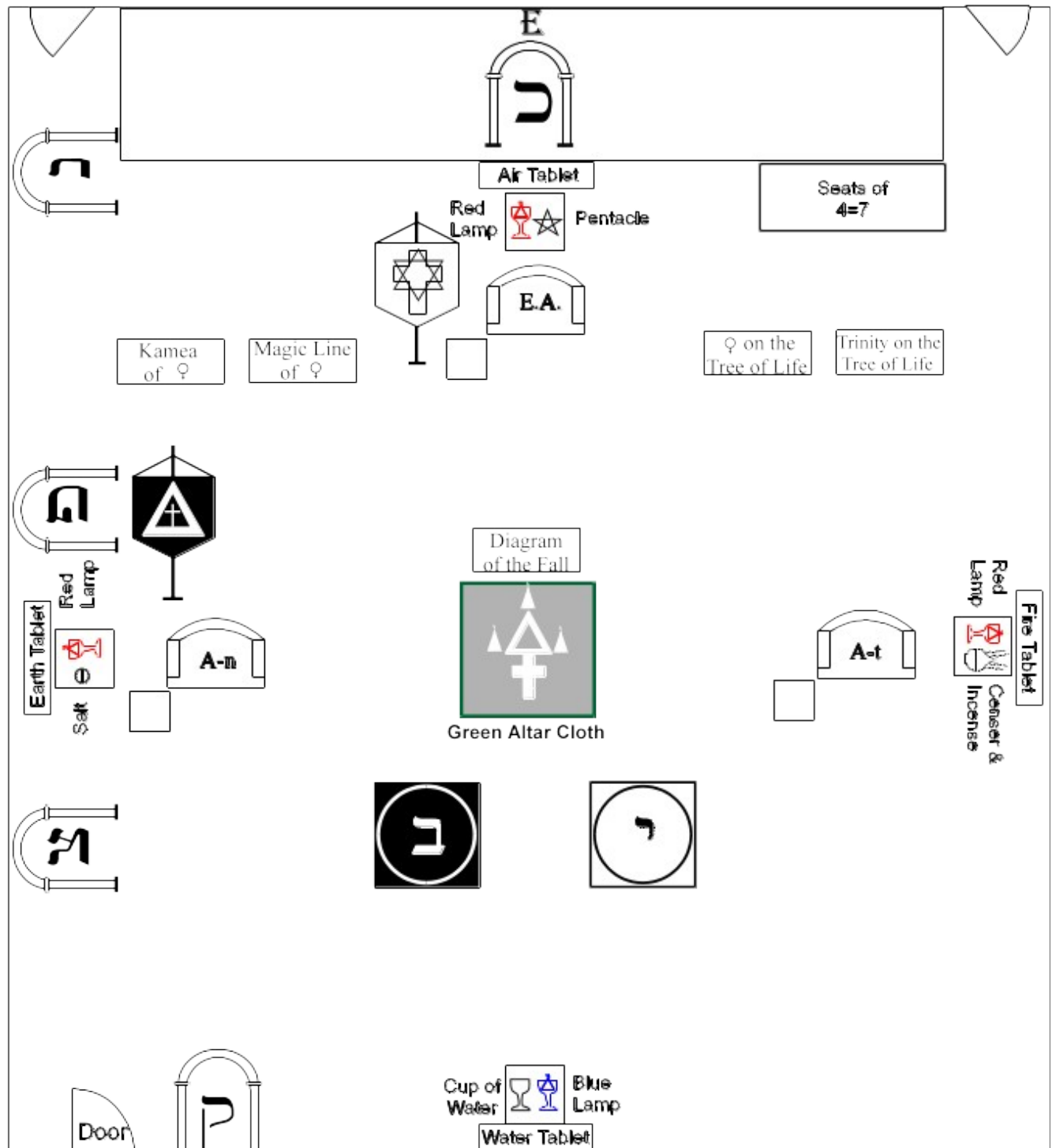
E.A.: **I have much pleasure in conferring upon you the title of (Lord/Lady) of the Twenty-seventh Path. You will now quit the Temple for a short time, and on your return the ceremony of your admission to the Grade of Philosophus will take place.**

A-t: *(Leads Practicus out.)*

END OF THIRD POINT

HEBREW NAME: tma liV

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FOURTH POINT



Changes Required for the Fourth Point

- Portals: Kaph in East; Qoph in West, North of Water Tablet; Tzaddi in Northwest, West of Earth Tablet; Peh in North, just East of Earth Tablet; Nun in Northeast.
- Altar: Green Altar cloth covers Elemental Altar cloth. Triangle above red calvary cross forms Sulphur sign with 3 red candles at the triangle's points. Just East of the Altar, on a stand is the Diagram of the Fall.
- Officers: E.A. remains in East. Archon, with Banner of West, just South of Earth Tablet, facing West. Architect, similarly, just North of Fire Tablet. Red lamps removed from Officers' stations.
- Pillars: West of Altar, facing East, an Altar-width apart, wings removed.
- Diagrams: In addition to Altar diagram, four diagrams form a line just West of the E.A.'s throne. From North to South: Kamea of Venus, Magic Line of Venus, E.A., Venus on the Tree of Life, Trinity on the Tree of Life.

GRADE OF PHILOSOPHUS

E.A. **(Frater/Soror) Architect, you have my command to present the Practicus with the necessary Admission Badge and to admit (him/her) upon (his/her) giving the proper alarm.**

A-t: *(Takes the Calvary Cross from the Altar, takes it to Practicus and says:*

This the Red Calvary Cross. It is your admission badge to the Temple of Netzach.

*(Instructs him/her to knock *** * ***, and enters Temple alone, closing the door. After the Practicus has given the proper alarm, Architect admits him/her and closes the door. Points out Portals as E.A. names them.)*

E.A.: **In the Northwest are the Portals of the Twenty-ninth and Twenty-eighth Paths by which you have symbolically entered this grade from the Zelator and Theoricus Grades respectively, while in the north is the portal of the Twenty-seventh Path by which you have just passed from the Grade of Practicus.**

A-t: *(Leads Practicus to Archon.)*

A-n: **By what symbol dost thou enter here?**

A-t: **By the Red Calvary Cross of six squares.**

A-n: **This Cross, already familiar to you, represents also the Sephiroth Tiphareth, Netzach, Hod and Yesod, resting upon Malkuth. This Cross is also the pattern of the Cube, and is thus referred to the six Sephiroth of the Microprosopus, and to the balance of cosmic forces.**

A-t: *(Leads Practicus to West of Altar, facing east, and replaces the Cross on the Altar. Stands East of the Altar to point out details of the Diagram of the Fall.)*

E.A.: *(Comes to west of Altar to explain diagram.)*

THE FALL

E.A.: **This is the symbolic representation of the Fall. For the Great Goddess, who in the Grade of Practicus was supporting the columns of the Sephiroth, in the sign of the Grade of Theoricus, being tempted by the Tree of Knowledge, (whose branches, indeed, tend upward into the seven lower Sephiroth but also tend downward into the Kingdom of Shells), reached down unto the Qlippoth, and immediately the columns were unsupported, and the Sephirotic System was shattered, and with it fell Adam, the Microprosopus or Lesser Countenance.**

Then arose the great Dragon with seven heads and ten horns, and the Garden was made desolate, and Malkuth was cut off from the Sephiroth by his intersecting folds, and linked unto the Kingdom of the Shells. And the seven lower Sephiroth were cut off from the Three Supernals in Da'ath, at the feet of Aima Elohim.

And because in Da'ath was the greatest rise of the great Serpent of Evil, therefore is there, as it were, another Sephirah, making for the infernal or averse Sephiroth, eleven instead of ten. And Da'ath having developed in the Dragon a new head, the Seven-headed Dragon with ten horns became eight-headed and eleven-horned.

Hence were the rivers of Eden desecrated, and from the mouth of the Dragon rushed the infernal waters in Da'ath. And this is Leviathan, the crooked serpent.

But between the devastated Garden and the Supernal Eden, Yod Heh Vav Heh Elohim placed the letters of the Name, and the

Flaming Sword, that the uppermost part of the Tree of Life might not be involved in the Fall of Adam. And thence it was necessary that the Second Adam should come to restore all things, and that, as the First Adam had been extended on the Cross of the Celestial Rivers, so the Son should be crucified on the Cross of the Infernal Rivers of Da'ath. Yet, to do this, he must descend unto the lowest first, even unto Malkuth.

MYSTIC SIGN, TOKEN, NUMBER AND WORDS

E.A.: The Grade of Philosophus is referred unto the Sephirah Netzach, and the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Paths are bound thereto.

The sign of the Grade is given by raising the hands to the forehead and with the thumbs and index fingers forming a triangle, apex up, thus, . . . This represents the element of Fire to which this Grade is allotted, and also the Spirit which moved upon the Waters of Creation.

The grip or token is the general grip of the First Order. The Grand Word is a Name of nine letters: Yod Heh Vav Heh Tzabaoth, (tvabx hvhy) which means "Lord of Armies".

The Mystic Number is 28 and from it is formed the password: Kaph, Cheth; Kach. It should be lettered separately when given, the one who gives the password saying the first letter, the one who receives saying the second, and the one who gives it, saying the word: Kach. It means Power.

EMINENT ADEPT'S LECTURE

E.A.: Unto this Grade, and unto the Sephirah Netzach, the Seventh Path of the Sepher Yetzirah is referred. It is called the Occult or Hidden Intelligence, and it is so called because it is the brilliant splendor of all the intellectual powers which are beheld by the eye of understanding and by the thought of faith.

The distinguishing badge of this Grade, which you will now be entitled to wear, is the baldric of a Practicus, with the addition of a green cross above the orange cross, and the numbers 4 in a circle and 7 in a square on either side; and below the number 30, the numbers 29, 28 and 27 in red-violet, violet and red, respectively, between narrow white bars.

This Grade is especially referred to Fire, and therefore, the

Great Watch-tower or Terrestrial Tablet of the South forms one of its principal emblems. It is known as the Fourth or Great Southern Quadrangle and is one of the four great Tablets of the Elements. From it are drawn the three holy, secret names of God: Hehela, Valashishi, Reashila, which are borne upon the Banner of the South, and numberless Divine and Angelic Names which appertain to the element of Fire.

The triangle surmounting the cross upon the Altar represents the Fire of Spirit, surmounting the Cross of Life, also the Cross of the waters of Edom. You will note that thus it forms the alchemical emblem of Sulphur. The red lamps at the angles of the triangle are the three-fold form of Fire.

The portals in the East and Northeast conduct to higher Grades. The others are those of Paths you have already traversed.
(Resumes his/her throne.)

KAMEA AND MAGIC LINE OF VENUS

A-t: *(Conducts Practicus to Kamea of Venus.)*

The Grade of Philosophus is attributed to the Sphere of Venus, which is ruler in Netzach, and therefore the Kamea, or Magic Square, of Venus and the Magic Line formed therefrom are among its emblems. From it are drawn the sigils relating to the planet Venus, together with Divine and Angelic Names pertaining to that planet.

VENUS ON THE TREE OF LIFE

A-t: *(Conducts Practicus to Venus on the Tree.)*

The symbol of Venus, when inscribed on the Tree of Life, is shown in the diagram before you. It embraces the whole of the Sephiroth and is therefore a fitting emblem of the Isis of Nature; hence, also, its circle is represented larger than that of Mercury.

TRINITY ON THE TREE OF LIFE

A-t: *(Conducts Practicus to Trinity on the Tree.)*

This diagram refers to the Trinity or the "Three Mothers" operating through the Sephiroth, and reflected downward in the four triangles of the elements. Kether is the Root of Air, which element is reflected downward from Kether to Yesod, through Tiphareth. Chokmah is the Root of Fire, which element is reflected from Chokmah, through Geburah, to Netzach. Binah

is the Root of Water, which element is reflected from Binah, through Chesed, to Hod.

Malkuth, the tenth Sephirah is Earth, the receptacle and synthesis of Air, Fire and Water.

(Leads Practicus to face E.A.)

MYSTIC TITLE AND SYMBOLS

E.A.: I now congratulate you on having passed through the ceremony of the Grade of Philosophus, and in recognition thereof, I confer upon you the Mystic Title of Pharos Illuminans, which means "Illuminating Tower of Light," and I give to you the symbol of Esh (wa), which is the Hebrew name for Fire.

And, as having attained at length to the highest Grade of the First Order, and being, as it were, a connecting link with the Second Order, I further confer upon you the title of respect, "Honored (Frater/Soror)", and I give you the further symbol of Phrath, or Euphrates, the Fourth River.

PROCLAMATION

E.A.: *

In the name of YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH, I now proclaim that you have been duly advanced to the Grade of Philosophus, and that you are (Lord/Lady) of the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth Paths.

A-t: *(Leads Philosophus to Archon's throne.)*

ARCHON'S ADDRESS

A-n: Honored (Frater/Soror), as a member of this important Grade, you are eligible for the post of Archon when a vacancy occurs. You are furthermore expected, having risen so high in the Order, to aid to your utmost the members of the Second Order in the Working of the Temple to which you are attached; to study thoroughly the mysteries which have been unfolded to your view in your progress from the humble position of Neophyte, so that yours may not be the merely superficial knowledge which marks the conceited and ignorant person; but that you may really and thoroughly understand what you profess to know, and not by your ignorance and folly bring disgrace on

that Order which has honored you so far. Your duty is also to supervise the studies of weaker and less advanced brethren, and to make yourself, as far as possible, an ornament alike to your Lodge and to the Order.

A-t: *(Conducts new Philosophus to a seat of a 4=7, in the extreme Southeast in front of the dais, facing West. Returns to own station and sits.)*

END OF ATTUNEMENT

CLOSING

All: *(Standing at their places.)*

E.A.: * **Fratres et Sorores of the Abonaim, assist me to close _____ Lodge, Number _____, in the Grade of Philosophus. (Fratr/Soror) Architect, see that the Temple is properly guarded.**

A-t: *(Give Grade sign, checks doors, returns to station, then:)*
* **Very Honored Eminent Adept, the Temple is properly guarded.**

E.A.: * * * **Let us adore the Lord and King of Fire.**

All: *(All face South.)*

ADORATION

E.A.: **YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH, Mighty and Terrible! Commander of the etherial armies, art Thou!**

All: **AMEN.** *(All give sign of the Grade.)*

PRAYER OF THE SALAMANDERS

All: *(E.A. goes to South, before Tablet of Fire. Archon stands behind and to the right of E.A.. Architect places new Philosophus behind E.A. and goes to a position behind and to the left of the E.A. Thus the three officers form a triangle with the Philosophus in the center. Other Philosophi arrange themselves in balanced formation behind Archon and Architect.)*

E.A.: **Let us rehearse the Prayer of the Salamanders or Fire Spirits.**

*** Immortal, eternal, ineffable and uncreated Father of all things, Who art borne upon the ever-rolling chariot of worlds which revolve without cessation; Ruler of the etherial immensities where the throne of Thy power is exalted, from which summit Thy terrible eyes behold all things, and Thy pure and holy ears harken unto all - - Hear us, Thy children, who Thou hast loved since before the birth of the Ages! Thy Majesty, golden, vast and eternal, shineth above the world and the heaven of stars. Over them all art Thou exalted, O Thou Glittering Fire!**

There dost Thou commune with Thyself by Thine own splendor; and inexhaustible streams of Light pour from Thine essence for the nourishment of Thine infinite Spirit. This Spirit Itself doth nourish all things, and formeth an inexhaustible treasure of substance, ever ready for generation, adapting and appropriating the forms Thou hast impressed on it from the beginning.

From this Spirit arise the three most holy Kings who surround Thy throne and constitute Thy court.

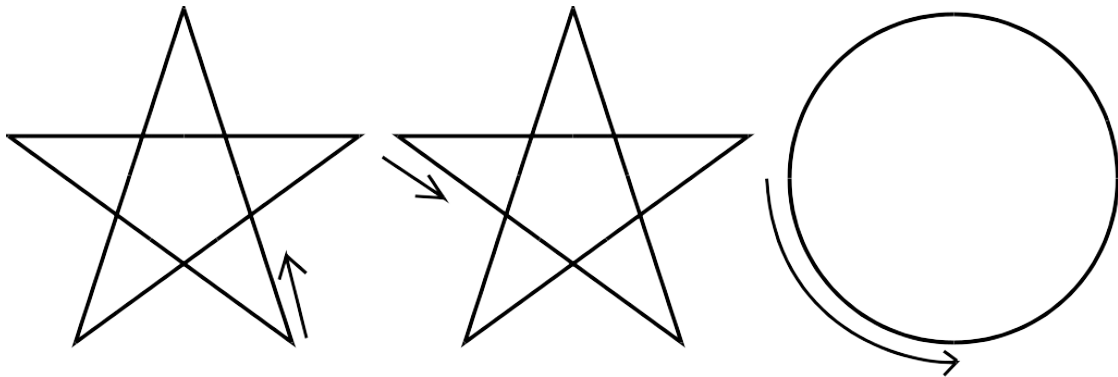
O Universal Father, One and Alone, Father alike of immortals and of mortals! Thou hast specially created powers like unto Thine eternal Thought and one with Thy venerable essence. Thou hast established them above the angels who proclaim Thy Will to the world. Finally, Thou hast created us, third in rank within our elemental empire.

There our continual exercise is to praise Thee and to adore Thy good pleasure; there we burn continually with eternal aspiration unto Thee. O Father! O Mother, most tender of all Mothers! O archetype eternal of maternity and of pure love! O Son, flower of all sons! O Form of all forms! Soul, Spirit, Harmony and Number of all things!

All: **AMEN.**

BANISHING

E.A.: *(Makes the following figures before the Tablet of Fire:)*



E.A.: Depart ye in peace unto your habitations. May the blessing of YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH be upon ye! Be there peace between us and you, and be ye ready to come when ye are called. * (E.A. veils Fire Tablet.)

All: *(E.A. returns to throne and veils the Air Tablet.. Architect conducts new Philosophus back to his/her seat, then veils Water Tablet. Archon veils the Earth Tablet. All return to their stations and places and sit.)*

E.A.: Honored Frater/Soror _____, perform the Lesser Banishing Pentagram of Fire.

(Designated member performs the Banishing Ritual.)

DECLARATION

E.A.: In the Name of YOD HEH VAV HEH TZABAOTH, I declare this Temple closed in the Grade of Philosophus.

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A-n: *** * ***

A-t: *** * ***

0 = 0 CLOSING (SHORT FORM)

E.A.: **Dispensing with all further ceremony, I now declare this Temple closed as a Hall of Neophytes of the Abonaim.**

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A-n: *

A-t: *

END OF CEREMONY